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TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Mike Ellegood, Maricopa County, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, October 27, 2005, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Draft September 29, 2005 Minutes

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

2. Approve Draft minutes of the September 29, 2005 meeting.

3. For information and discussion.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.* Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Final Year End Close Out of the MAG Federally Funded Program

September 30, 2005, was the final day of Federal fiscal year 2005. The region ended the fiscal year with an effective \$151,405 in unutilized obligation authority. A list of all of the programmed projects and what happened to them is shown in Attachment One.

6. For information and discussion.

7. Requested Changes to Federal Functional Classification of Roads

On February 23, 2005, the Regional Council concurred with a series of requested changes to the federal functional classification of urban roadways within the region. These requested changes have been forwarded to ADOT for further action. In addition to those changes, member agencies recently submitted requests for a similar upgrade to the functional classification of rural roadways. In addition, the City of Scottsdale requested a change to downgrade an urban road segment from urban collector to local street. On October 11, 2005, the MAG Street Committee unanimously recommended concurrence of all of these changes, which are shown on the map in Attachment Two.

8. MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee Recommendation on the Evaluation of Proposed CMAQ Projects for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011

On October 6, 2005, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee made a recommendation to forward the CMAQ evaluation to the MAG TRC and modal committees for use in prioritizing proposed CMAQ projects for FFY 2011. This process is intended to assist in the prioritization and selection of eligible projects for the utilization of funding from the CMAQ Program, which is intended to provide federal funding for projects and programs designed to assist nonattainment and maintenance areas in complying with federal air quality standards. Please refer to the materials in Attachment Three for more information on the CMAQ project evaluation and ranking process.

7. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend concurrence with the changes to the federal functional classification of roadways in the region.

8. For information and discussion.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

9. Amendment and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Highway and Transit Projects

The FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP was approved by the Regional Council on July 28, 2005, although it has not yet been approved by the Governor's designee. Since that time, several projects have been identified that need to be added to the TIP. These projects include some new Safety and Enhancement Funded projects and some projects that were requested for deferral late in the year, after the draft TIP had been developed. These latter projects need to be re-added to FY 2006 so that they may proceed. In accordance with the recently approved procedure for amending and/or adjusting TIPs, all of the requests are being processed as a single batch and Regional Council action is anticipated in December. Further details are shown in Attachment Four.

10. Use of Highway User Revenue Fund Exchange Mechanism (HURF Swap) For a Gila Bend Project

The FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP was approved by the Regional Council on July 28, 2005. The TIP contains a Gila Bend project to carry out pedestrian improvements to a facility along Martin Avenue in the vicinity of Pima Street, also known as State Route 85. This project is currently funded with \$188,600 in MAG Surface Transportation Program funds and a local match of \$11,4000 local funds.

The Town would like to take the option of utilizing the HURF Swap mechanism to exchange the STP-MAG funds for State HURF. This would allow the Town to develop the project as a locally funded project and not

9. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of an Amendment and an Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Highway and Transit Projects.

10. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend that Gila Bend be allowed to utilize the HURF Swap mechanism for this particular project and to authorize a TIP Administrative Adjustment to allow this project to proceed.

as a federally funded project, which simplifies the process substantially. ADOT provides 90 percent of the amount of STP funds involved in the form of HURF funds and would then utilize the STP funds wherever they feel is appropriate on another part of the State highway system. Generally, MAG member agencies are not eligible to utilize the HURF Swap option, but the funds concerned are a special subset of STP funds (known as "Outside Urban" funds, or State-Flex funds) and are therefore eligible for this exchange program. Members are being asked to recommend that Gila Bend be allowed to utilize the HURF Swap mechanism for this particular project. A TIP Administrative Adjustment is also requested to allow this project to proceed. During their October 11, 2005 meeting, the Street Committee unanimously recommended approving the use of the HURF Swap and the TIP Administrative Adjustment for the Gila Bend project. Please refer to the table in Attachment Five.

11. Annual Report on the Implementation of Proposition 400

A.R.S. 28-6354 requires that MAG issue an annual report on the status of projects funded by the extension of the half-cent sales tax. Staff will brief the Committee on the findings of the report, including the status of the development of the life cycle programs, as required by A.R.S. 28-6352 (A) for freeways, 28-6352 (B) for streets and 48-5106 for transit. Please refer to Attachment Six.

12. MAG Transportation Model Change

MAG is proposing to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in November of 2005 to solicit responses from qualified vendors, who

11. For information and discussion.

12. For information and discussion.

can provide transportation modeling software that has been enhanced to meet today's micro computing platforms; that will be for use by MAG staff and MAG member agencies; and that addresses, or exceeds staff's expectations in meeting the noted issues. MAG anticipates that the selected vendor would be required to convert the current regional model to the new software, provide appropriate custom programming and user interfaces, and perform appropriate revalidation of the MAG Regional Travel Demand Model to facilitate the migration from the EMME/2 platform.

13. Changes to the approved, June 29, 2005 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures

The approved June 29, 2005 ALCP Policies and Procedures need to be clarified with regard to federal funds, the inflation rate, the Project Agreement, the Project Overview, the Project Reimbursement Request, the Appendix, and other minor changes that were identified as the ALCP has been further developed. The majority of these changes have been discussed in previous meetings, memorandums, and in the development of the Project Agreement and Project Overview with the ALCP Working Group. Please see Attachment Seven, which includes a copy of the updated ALCP Policies and Procedures, along with a table showing the proposed "before and after" changes to the previously approved June 29, 2005, ALCP Policies and Procedures.

14. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

13. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of the proposed changes to the previously approved, June 29, 2005 ALCP Policies and Procedures.

14. For information and discussion.